Ray-Surveillance

75-1996-Compliance

The attached two documents were in the files of the St. Louis field office and to the best of my recollection there only.

However, on the question of compliance, there should be records of all these reports from around the country reaching FBIHQ. Or records, which would have to include the local FBI, of the surveillance on Ray's mail being reported to the FBI.

Doubtful that all those to whom he may have written sent the FBI letters but if they did those letters also have not been p rovided.

Because of the time I'm inclined to believe this is mail interception. It coincides in time with the Jimmy-Jerry use of the Rosenstein nonsense in desparation over the planned transfer of Jimmy to a federal pen, Springfield. That was Xmastime, 1973.

The portrait of the FBI is incredible. Can it be that they have so little faith in their own investigation that the inspector had to ask St. Louis to go over its own files to look for what had not been reported coming from John?

This is an investigation? None in New Orleans or Miami, two places where Rosenson, named by Jimmy if without cause, was placed? In N.O. at the time in question and in Miami at Xmas 1973. No records if there were any.

St. L. 44-775-1153, 1154.

GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) DATE: 1/8/74

FROM : SPVR. LOUIS F. CAPUTO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButelcall, 1/8/74.

On 1/8/74, Bureau Spvr. JACK LAWN, Extension 3513, telephonically contacted writer and advised JAMES EARL RAY has been sending several letters throughout the country advising that at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed there was a conspiracy concerning this plot. Spvr. LAWN requested that SL review all FD-302s concerning interviews with JAMES EARL RAY'S brother JOHN, who at the time was interviewed by SL and living on Arsenal Street, to determine whether there was any knowledge of a conspiracy re JAMES EARL RAY'S shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Spvr. LAWN also requested in reviewing the FD-302s concerning JOHN RAY if a conspiracy was indicated, whether any other persons were mentioned as being a part of this conspiracy.

Spvr. LAWN requested that this matter be handled as soon as possible and that he be telephonically contacted as to results of review of the SL MURKIN file concerning the interviews of JOHN RAY.

2-St. Louis
RC:mjl
2

44-775-1153

SEARCHED ..... INDEXED
SERIALIZED ..... FILED
JAN 8 1974
FBI — SAINT LOUIS

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (RUC) DATE: 1-9-74

FROM : SA KENNETH A. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo Spvr. CAPUTO 1/8/74

On 1/9/74, SA WILLIAMS called Bureau Supervisor JACK LAWN and advised that a review of the FD-302s reflecting interview with JOHN RAY, brother of JAMES EARL RAY, disclosed no indication or evidence that a conspiracy was indicated. LAWN advised no follow-up communication is necessary.

(1)- St. Louis
KAW/gas
(1)

44-775-1154

SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
JAN 9 1974
FBI — SAINT LOUIS

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan